



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Lange et al.  
Serial No.: 10/574,734  
For: APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING TUBES OR RODS  
Filed: May 17, 2007  
Examiner: Demaris R. Wilson  
Art Unit: 1791  
Confirmation No.: 5438  
Customer No.: 27,623 Attorney Docket No.: 2133.131USU

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated September 17, 2008 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ 1,110.00 to extend the time for filing this response until March 17, 2009.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	16	Minus	36	0	x \$52.00	\$
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	x \$220.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$390.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 1110.00 .

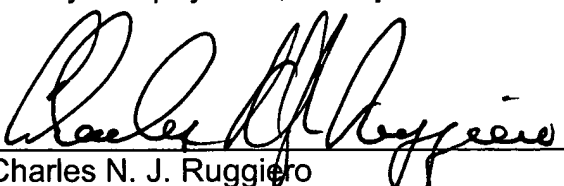
X A check in the amount of \$ 1110.00 is attached.

X 3 Replacement sheets of drawings are attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**.

March 17, 2009

Date



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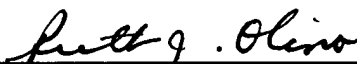
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March 17, 2009

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2008, the period for response having been extended three (3) months up to and including March 17, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.